

Brothers, Sisters, and Friends,

As an active member of the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Connecticut and a liaison partner to the labor community we are hoping that you might take a minute to call your Representative and Senator and URGE THEM TO SUPPORT AND EVEN COSPONSOR language that would require the Department of Public Health to identify chemicals of concern to children and make recommendations to the Legislature every 2 years for action. Recommendations could include a ban of sale for certain products, labeling requirements, a shift to a safer chemical if one exists or other options. The DPH staff has agreed to do this at NO COST to the state!

This year this language is being raised in both the Public Health Committee as Senate Bill 126 on Friday, Feb.28, and the Children's Committee as House Bill 5036 on March 6. Both committees wanted to raise the language with the hope that having two bills will garner broader support.

Already lobbyists for the chemical and toy industries are working to oppose this language by speaking to our legislators. This is why we NEED YOUR HELP! We need more Connecticut citizens to stand up and say we have a right to know what is in our children's products and what could be affecting their development. To find your legislators go to <http://cga.ct.gov/> and click on House or Senate. Then click on Find Your Legislator and fill in your address. Your state as well as your federal legislators will appear below. Please call now!

Thank you,  
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See below for script for call:

Thank you for taking my call Representative \_\_\_\_\_ or Senator \_\_\_\_\_. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am your constituent. I am very concerned about the unintended consequences of toxic chemicals being used in consumer products and the rise in numerous, serious health issues especially among children. I am asking you to support and even to cosponsor SB 126 An Act Concerning Children's Exposure to Chemicals and/or HB 5036 An Act Concerning Children's Products and Chemicals of High Concern. These bills will simply begin a process through the Department of Public Health to identify toxic chemicals in children's products and subsequently enable us, Connecticut's citizens, to know if these chemicals are in items we are purchasing for our children. Again, I am asking for your support of these bills. Thank you.